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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I choose a smaller, local broadband internet provider because they have provided me with better service, faster speeds, better prices, and are committed to maintaining net neutrality. Allowing huge companies like AT&T and Comcast to become monopolies is a disservice to all Americans, to our freedom of choice, competitive prices, and fair access to high speed internet without throttling. More competition leads to more innovation and more competitive pricing.

As a household that uses the internet for business as well as personal matters, and all of our media and entertainment, we deeply value having fair and fairly priced internet access.

We now have fiber internet thanks to our provider Sonic! We love it. We want to keep it, and to keep it at the same price we have been paying all along. We have a home phone number through this service as well, which we value in case we need it.

Thank you for hearing and considering my perspective. I hope this influences your decision toward protecting smaller, local internet service providers.

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